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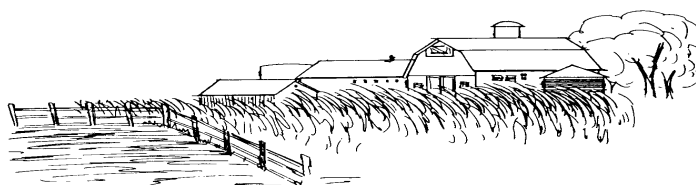
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Agriculture Prices

Utah: Prices received by Utah farmers and ranchers during mid-October 2004, compared with September 2004, barley was down, alfalfa hay, and other hay, was up according to the Utah Agricultural Statistics Service.

The lamb price for September 2004 was \$105.00 per cwt, down \$11.00 from October 2003. The September 2004 sheep price, at \$38.00 was \$8.00 above October 2003.

Barley, at \$2.01 per bushel, was down from the previous month price, and 24 cents below last year. Baled alfalfa hay was \$86.00 per ton, up \$1.00 from last month and \$10.00 above last year. Other hay, at \$80.00 per ton, was \$2.00 above last month and \$20.00 above October 2003.

United States: The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in October, at 111, based on 1990-92=100, is 4 points (3.5 percent) below the September Index. Declines occurred in both the Crop Price Index and the Livestock Price Index. The Crop Index declined 6 points (5.4 percent) from September while the Livestock Index decreased 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for lettuce, tomatoes, oranges, grapes, and cucumbers. Lower prices were received for corn, soybeans, hogs, broilers, and potatoes. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of soybeans, corn, and cotton offset decreased marketings of dairy, grapes, and sweet corn. The preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 2 points (1.8 percent) from October 2003.

The Food Commodities Index declined 2 points (1.7 percent) from last month to 116. The index is unchanged from October 2003.

Average Prices Received by Farmers

Commodity	Unit	Utah			United States		
		Entire Month		Preliminary	Entire Month		Preliminary
		Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004 ¹	Oct 2003	Sep 2004	Oct 2004 ¹
Livestock & Products							
Lambs	Dol/Cwt	94.00	105.00	(²)	96.80	101.00	(²)
Sheep	Dol/Cwt	30.00	38.00	(²)	35.00	41.80	(²)
Crops							
Barley	Dol/Bu	2.25	2.05	2.01	2.74	2.43	2.36
Alfalfa Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	76.00	85.00	86.00	89.10	95.50	97.80
Other Hay, Baled	Dol/Ton	60.00	78.00	80.00	69.20	65.70	68.60

¹ Prices refer to sales occurring about the 15th of the month.

² October data will be published next month.